GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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AUCTION OF DEALERSHIP OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the dealership of petrol pumps were auctioned at a rate lower than the market rates by the oil sector public undertakings;

(b): if so, the losses suffered by the Government on this account during the last three years; and

(c): the action taken by the Government against the errant officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): The retail outlet dealerships were auctioned by the Oil Marketing Companies as per the directives of the Court.The process of the auctioning was carried out through Government approved auctioners. In one case the auctioning could not take place as the terminated dealer filed a Writ Petition in Allahabad High Court disputing the valuation of the two Government approved valuers.The Government had stayed auctioning and the matter is pending in the court.